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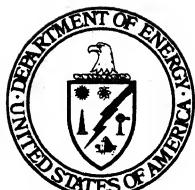
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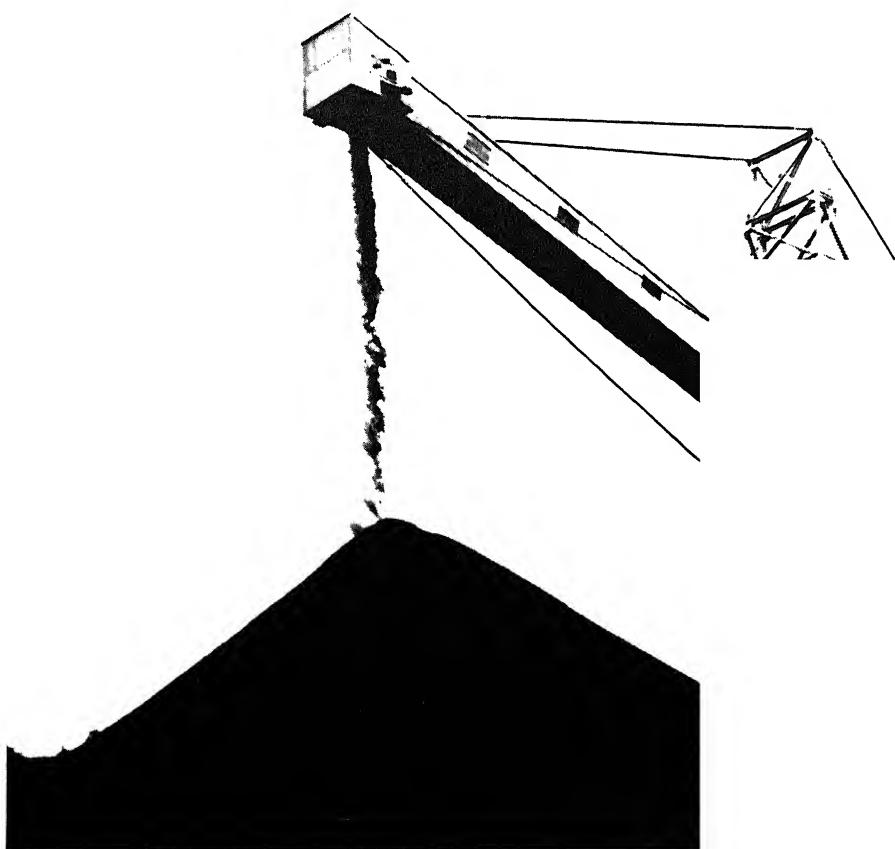




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Weekly Coal Production

Production for Week Ended:
April 9, 1988



Summary

U.S. coal production in the week ended April 9, 1988, as estimated by the Energy Information Administration, totaled 17.7 million short tons (bituminous coal and lignite, nearly 17.7 million short tons; Pennsylvania anthracite, .07 million short tons). This was 0.8 percent higher than production in the previous week, and was 6.1 percent higher than production in the corresponding week of 1987.

Between January 1 and April 9, 1988, two States have had significantly higher coal production than in the same period of 1987: Wyoming 15.7 percent (6.1 million short tons) higher and Montana 38.7 percent (3.3 million short tons) higher. These higher levels coincide with widespread sagging coal prices, more spot coal purchases in the region, and higher coal consumption at electric power plants to replace lower hydroelectric

generation due to drought conditions in the West. In addition, coal contracts have been encouraged by actions of the 1987 Montana State Legislature to permit significant graduated reductions in the coal severance tax if 32.2 million short tons of coal are produced in fiscal year 1988 (July 1, 1987, through June 30, 1988).

Cumulative data in Table 1 are presented for the 52-week period ended in the current week. Data for the 52-week period ended in the corresponding week one year earlier are also included.

The methodology used to make weekly estimates of coal production was published in the Weekly Coal Production (DOE/ELA-0218(86/35)), released for publication on September 8, 1986.

Figure 1. Coal Production

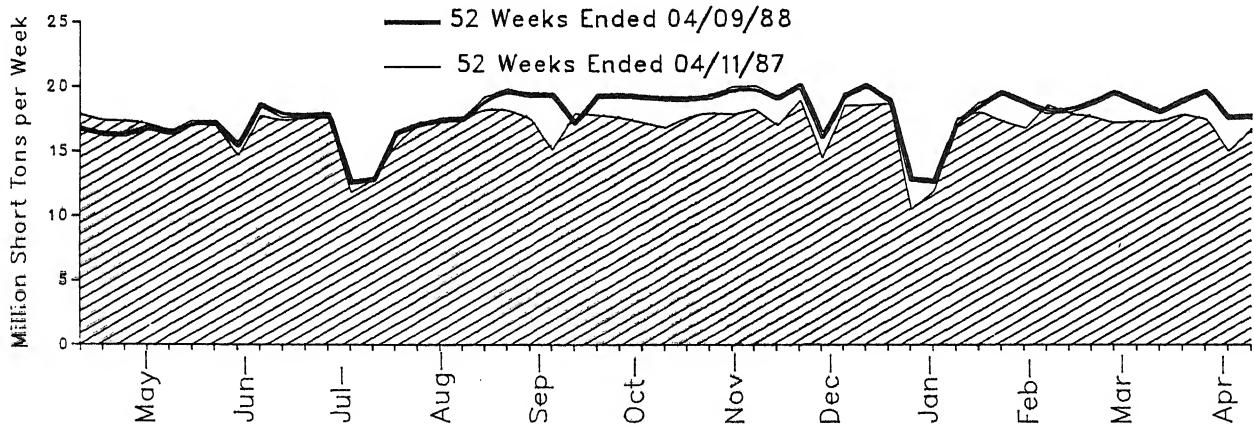


Table 1. Coal Production

Production and Carloadings	Week Ended			52 Weeks Ended		
	04/09/88	04/02/88	04/11/87	04/09/88	04/11/87	Percent Change
Production (Thousand Short Tons)						
Bituminous ¹ and Lignite	17,664	17,525	16,635	925,357	875,435	5.7
Pennsylvania Anthracite	67	72	79	4,283	4,217	1.6
U.S. Total	17,731	17,597	16,714	929,640	879,652	5.7
Railroad Cars Loaded	117,390	110,558	107,658	5,955,097	5,597,892	

¹Includes subbituminous coal.

Notes: 1987 and 1988 data are preliminary. Total may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Sources: Association of American Railroads, Transportation Division, Weekly Statement CS-54A; Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-6, "Coal Distribution Report" and State mining agency coal production reports.

Table 2. Coal Production by State
(Thousand Short Tons)

Region and State	Week Ended		
	04/09/88	04/02/88	04/11/87
Bituminous Coal¹ and Lignite			
East of the Mississippi	10,666	10,182	10,739
Alabama	431	408	479
Illinois	1,131	1,079	1,242
Indiana	642	622	610
Kentucky	3,033	2,824	3,027
Kentucky, Eastern	2,200	2,088	2,175
Kentucky, Western	833	736	852
Maryland	50	46	73
Ohio	598	584	658
Pennsylvania Bituminous	1,213	1,299	1,258
Tennessee	106	99	99
Virginia	829	797	773
West Virginia	2,632	2,425	2,521
West of the Mississippi	6,998	7,343	5,896
Alaska	31	30	28
Arizona	222	209	99
Arkansas	2	2	2
Colorado	278	233	299
Iowa	7	10	12
Kansas	29	40	32
Louisiana	59	31	62
Missouri	80	93	88
Montana	866	890	507
New Mexico	368	315	214
North Dakota	456	504	442
Oklahoma	55	55	54
Texas	816	1,105	872
Utah	360	317	360
Washington	92	92	92
Wyoming	3,278	3,417	2,734
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